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SUBJ: TANZANIA COMMENTS ON WESTERN SECURITY COUNCIL
PROPOSALS ON APARTHEID

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. UNDER HEADLINE "WESTERN PROPOSAL SPINELESS, "TANZANIA'S
DAILY NEWS REPORTED MARCH 25 ON FIVE-POWER "DECLARATION ON
SOUTH AFRICA." TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. "FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE PROPOSED MILD WAYS
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OF ENDING APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN A DESPERATE ACTION TO
WATER DOWN AFRICAN DEMANDS FOR-SANCTIONS. BRITAIN, CANADA,
FRANCE, WEST GERMAN AND THE UNITED STATES LAST NIGHT SAID
IN A JOINT "DECLARATION ON SOUTH AFRICA" THAT THE RACIST REGIME
"MUST TAKE TIMELY STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE POLICY AND PRACTICE
OF APARTHEID..."

NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WERE TODAY SCHEDULED FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL WHICH ONE AFRICAN ENVOY HAS DESCRIBED AS A "SPINELESS DISH THAT IS NOT VERY EDIBLE."

THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP HAVE CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND A HALT TO FURTHER INVESTMENTS IN THE RACIST REPUBLIC. THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SIERRA LEONE SHIRLEY GBUDJAMA SAID TODAY THAT WESTERN POWERS, JOINTLY WITH THE RACIALIST ARE PURSUING A LINE TOWARDS CONSOLIDATION OF COLONIALISM IN THE SOUTH OF AFRICA.

IN SPITE OF ALL THE FACTS OF CRYING VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, SHE SAID, THE WESTERN POWERS ARE MAINTAINING UNLAWFUL LINKS WITH THE VORSTER REGIME, THUS CRUDELY DISREGARDING THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE PROPOSAL PUT OUT BY THE WESTERN IMPERIALIST POWERS BEGINS BY STATING THAT "FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE WORLD ARE FOUNDED ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF THE EQUAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY".

IT CONTINUES"CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRE A PARTICULAR REAFFIRMATION OF THESE BASIC RIGHTS." WITHOUT SETTING ANY PRECISE DEADLINES, THE SO-CALLED DECLARATION, SAYS; "SOUTH AFRICA MUST TAKE TIMELY STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF APARTHEID AND GRANT ALL ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION EQUAL RIGHTS INCLUDING A FULL AND FREE VOICE IN THEIR DESTINY."

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THE US REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG, IS ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THE PROPOSED DECLARATION. THE DECLARATION ON SOUTH AFRICA REPRESENTS A NOVEL APPROACH SINCE IT IS NEITHER A RESOLUTION NOR A CONSENSUS STATEMENT.

MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE IT IS AN APPROACH INTRODUCED BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE, WHO IS GENERALLY REFERRED TO BY HIS COLLEAGUES AS ANDY YOUNG. AMBASSADOR RADHA KRISHNA RAMPHUL OF MAURITIUS, WHOSE COUNTRY HOLDS THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE OAU WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL SAID: "THE APPROACH IS A NEW APPROACH, SO IN THAT SENSE IT'S A YOUNG APPROACH."

MR. RAMPHUL QUIPPED: "IT'S ALSO VERY HANDY. SO YOU CAN SAY IT'S A HANDY AND A YOUNG APPROACH." END TEXT.
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